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Michael Powell, Chairman
Fell Comm Commission
445 12th St NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir,

H
Hildegard Hayes
265 Main St
East Windsor, CT 06088-9515

I do not want one report
from the FCC to control the news media
in Connecticut!

I urge the FCC to keep
the ban on cross-ownership!

Sincerely

Hildegard B. Hayes
76 Elm St
East Windsor, CT 06088

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Mr. Michael Powell, Chairman
F.C.C.
445 12th St. NW
Washington D.C. 20557

Dear Mr. Powell,

Please vote against allowing one company
the license to control the media in
Connecticut. It's bad enough already.
Thank you.

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Dear Mr. Powell

I am writing this letter to advise you of my concern about The Tribune Company owning both television stations and newspapers. Monopolies only benefit the controllers and never those who are 'stuck' with what the one source allows them to have.

The Hartford Courant is more of an agenda than a newspaper already. Allowing only one company to control the news media in the state of Connecticut will only serve to pave the way for their exclusive viewpoint.

I urge the FCC to not allow one corporation to control the news media. Let's protect our freedom.

Sincerely,


Christine Gray



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Ms. Jean Zitkus
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Michael Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Mr Powell

What is The FCC doing. Are There not anti-trust laws in This country That have served us well.

I object strongly to The control of one corporation or even a small handful controlling the news media in This country.

I think we are losing our freedoms in This country. When The press is controlled by a few, we can become brain washed as they are in many of the countries which are out to destroy us.

Please reconsider your stand on This. I hope you can realize the future consequences of the actions of The FCC.

Respectfully
Jean Zitkus

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Dear Mr. Powell.

It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission is considering the repeal of the 1975 regulation prohibiting "cross-ownership". This is not in the best interest of the public, and we count on you to protect our public airwaves and prevent one-sided media control.

The specific case reported in our independently-owned local newspaper is about the Tribune Company of Chicago. This company owns two television stations in Connecticut and has already purchased the Times Mirror Company, which gives it control over the Hartford Courant as well as the Advocate newspapers. Although the Tribune Company knew of the "cross-ownership" prohibition, it went ahead and purchased the newspapers anyway. That illustrates its contempt for the FCC regulations right there. Please don't allow this corporate arrogance to succeed.

Newspapers and television media have incredible power. The bottom line of the corporations that own these entities is to make money, no matter what. Therefore, the interest of unbiased, factual reporting is no longer paramount.

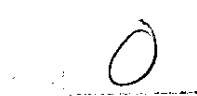
The argument for repealing the 1975 prohibition is that internet and cable television provide a variety of news sources for the public. But cable and internet do not have the power and pervasiveness of the broadcast and newspaper media.

I urge you to keep the 1975 FCC prohibition against "cross-ownership". I also urge you to look at the state of our public airwaves. They are controlled by a few whose main concern is making money or pushing their own agendas. Protect our society while you have the opportunity. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Beth Gruessner



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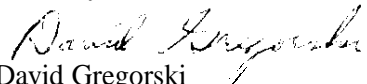
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The Tnbune Company of Chicago owns two Connecticut TV stations and the state's largest newspaper, the Hartford Courant, plus several other CT papers. This is contrary to the FCC's protective mandate – preventing control and censorship of the news by monopolistic owners by supporting real news media competition.

The current cross-ownership is already having a negative impact – none of the Tribune's Hartford-area news media have reported on the Tribune's attempts to rescind the protections that are supposed to be in place. They have controlled the news we read, out of self-interest. **Also**, the Courant has recently **and** summarily 'buried' three columnists with non-establishment views, all on the same day.

The Internet and cable/satellite **TV** are 'weak sisters' when it comes to news gathering and reporting, something the Tnbune is well aware of. I implore you to protect **us** from the impending monopoly, by enforcing the ban **on** cross-ownership. I want and deserve balanced and honest news reporting, not 'mouthpieces' of private interests. Please honor the **trust** of your position.

Sincerely,


David Gregorski

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